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In re Patent Application of:

Hiroshi KISHI

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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 (M.P.E.P. § 402.06), the undersigned on behalf of the firm of Ostrolenk, Faber, Gerb & Soffen, LLP, USPTO Customer No. 2352, hereby petitions to withdraw Ostrolenk, Faber, Gerb & Soffen, LLP, and the individual attorneys listed in the Power of Attorney, as attorneys of record with respect to the above-identified pending patent application.

Ostrolenk, Faber, Gerb & Soffen, LLP were retained on behalf of the inventor Mr. Hirosho Kishi to prepare and file the above-captioned application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371. We no longer contact with Mr. Kishi.

The last communication from the USPTO in this application was the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, mailed June 20, 2008. This was forwarded to Mr. Kishi by his patent attorney in France, Cabinet Fedit-Loriot. On July 14, 2008, we mailed Mr. Kishi directly to seek instructions and arrange for payment for services. We have received no reply. The absence of all communication from the inventor makes it impossible for us to represent him further in this application.

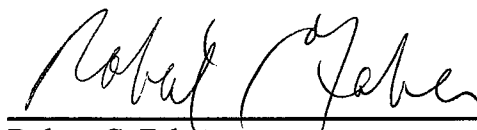
There is currently no outstanding Office Action to which any response is due. Therefore, there is no prejudice to Mr. Kishi, who has ample time to secure substitute counsel without any loss of rights in this application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), a copy of this Request is being sent to the inventor at his last known address.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Respectfully submitted,

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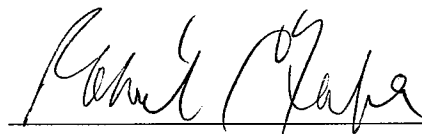
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing REQUEST TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD was sent to the inventor, Mr. Hiroshi Kishion on September 25, 2008 by international airmail, with sufficient postage prepaid, to the address below:

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